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Montana Committee for the Humanities

An Affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

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DEADLINE NEARS FOR HUMANITIES NOMINATIONS

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities at The University of Montana-Missoula has four committee member positions to fill in November for service beginning January 1, 1999. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1.

MCH is an independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency that supports learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities.

MCH consists of 19 members who represent the humanities disciplines, institutions and the general public. Four members are appointed by the governor, and 15 are elected by committee members. The committee seeks balanced geographic, gender, ethnic and academic representation for the board.

Committee members serve four-year terms and are volunteers, serving without compensation but with expenses paid. They meet four times a year for two to three days per meeting. Meetings take place throughout the state. Members' duties include representing MCH, reviewing project proposals, evaluating funded projects, setting policy, assisting with fund raising and development, and promoting awareness and appreciation of MCH programs.

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Before each meeting, members typically spend 10 to 12 hours reading and reviewing project proposals. Duties between meetings may include proposal and application review, project evaluation, letter writing and committee assignments.

MCH is requesting both applications and nominations. To be considered as an applicant, candidates must provide two letters of recommendation, a resume and a letter declaring willingness to serve. These should be sent to Montana Committee for the Humanities, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-8214. For more information call (406) 243-6022.

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